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To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Holocaust Education
5 Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) The Holocaust was an historical event that
 2 resulted in the systemic, state-sponsored mass mur-
 3 ders by Nazi Germany of 6,000,000 Jews, along
 4 with millions of others, in the name of racial purity.

5 (2) Six States (California, Florida, Illinois,
 6 Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York) now
 7 mandate that the Holocaust be taught in the edu-
 8 cational curriculum, and 11 States (Connecticut,
 9 Georgia, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio,
 10 Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia,
 11 and Washington) recommend teaching the Holo-
 12 caust.

13 (3) The Holocaust is a sensitive and difficult
 14 issue about which to teach, and to do so effectively,
 15 educators need appropriate teaching tools and train-
 16 ing to increase their knowledge and to enhance the
 17 educational experience.

18 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
 19 lows:

20 (1) To educate Americans so that they can—

21 (A) explore the lessons that the Holocaust
 22 provides for all people; and

23 (B) be less susceptible to the falsehood of
 24 Holocaust denial and to the destructive mes-
 25 sages of hate that arise from Holocaust denial.

1 (2) To provide resources and support for edu-
2 cation programs that—

3 (A) portray accurate historical information
4 about the Holocaust;

5 (B) sensitize communities to the cir-
6 cumstances that gave rise to the Holocaust;

7 (C) convey the lessons that the Holocaust
8 provides for all people; and

9 (D) develop curriculum guides and provide
10 training, to help teachers incorporate into their
11 mainstream disciplines the study of the Holo-
12 caust and its lessons.

13 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

14 The Secretary is authorized to award grants to edu-
15 cational organizations to carry out proposed or existing
16 Holocaust education programs.

17 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—An educational organization re-
19 ceiving a grant authorized in section 3 shall use such grant
20 amounts only to carry out the Holocaust education pro-
21 gram for which the grant amounts were provided.

22 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—An educational organization
23 receiving a grant authorized in section 3 shall comply with
24 the following requirements:

1 (1) CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—The edu-
2 cational organization shall, throughout the period
3 that the educational organization receives and uses
4 such grant amounts, continue to be an educational
5 organization.

6 (2) SUPPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING FUNDS.—
7 The educational organization shall ensure that such
8 grant amounts are used to supplement, and not sup-
9 plant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be
10 available to the educational organization to carry out
11 the Holocaust education program for which the
12 grant amounts were provided.

13 (c) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
14 require additional terms and conditions in connection with
15 the use of a grant awarded under this Act as the Secretary
16 considers appropriate.

17 **SEC. 5. SELECTION CRITERIA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants
19 in accordance with competitive criteria to be established
20 by the Secretary.

21 (b) CONSULTATION WITH HOLOCAUST EDU-
22 CATORS.—In establishing the competitive criteria under
23 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with a variety
24 of individuals, to be determined by the Secretary, who are
25 prominent educators in the field of Holocaust education.

1 **SEC. 6. APPLICATION.**

2 The Secretary may award grant amounts under this
3 Act only to an educational organization that has submitted
4 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-
5 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
6 require.

7 **SEC. 7. REVIEW AND SANCTIONS.**

8 (a) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review, at
9 least annually, each educational organization receiving
10 grant amounts under this Act to determine the extent to
11 which the educational organization has complied with the
12 provisions of this Act.

13 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The Secretary may
14 impose sanctions on an educational organization for any
15 failure of the educational organization to comply substan-
16 tially with the provisions of this Act. The Secretary shall
17 establish the sanctions to be imposed for a failure to com-
18 ply substantially with the provisions of this Act.

19 **SEC. 8. ANNUAL REPORT.**

20 Not later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary
21 shall submit to the Senate and House of Representatives
22 a report describing the activities carried out under this
23 Act and containing any related information that the Sec-
24 retary considers appropriate.

25 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

26 In this Act:

1 (1) EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION.—The term
 2 “educational organization” means an entity—

3 (A) described in section 501(c)(3) of the
 4 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

5 (B) exempt from tax under section 501(a)
 6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

7 (C) organized and operated for cultural,
 8 literary, or educational purposes.

9 (2) HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM.—The
 10 term “Holocaust education program” means a pro-
 11 gram that—

12 (A) has as its specific and primary purpose
 13 to improve awareness and understanding of the
 14 Holocaust; and

15 (B) to achieve such purpose, furnishes one
 16 or more of the following:

17 (i) Classes, seminars, or conferences.

18 (ii) Educational materials.

19 (iii) Teacher training.

20 (iv) Any other good or service de-
 21 signed to improve awareness and under-
 22 standing of the Holocaust.

23 (3) HOLOCAUST.—The term “Holocaust”
 24 means the historical event that resulted in the sys-
 25 temic, state-sponsored mass murders by Nazi Ger-

1 many of 6,000,000 Jews, along with millions of oth-
2 ers, in the name of racial purity.

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Education.

5 **SEC. 10. REGULATIONS.**

6 The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary
7 to carry out this Act.

8 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000
10 each fiscal year for five fiscal years, beginning with the
11 first fiscal year to commence after the date of enactment
12 of this Act, to remain available until expended.

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